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Houstonian Among Winners

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I'm a nut for polls and awards, so I'm passing the Cash Box magazine year-end awards on to you. These are based on sales and longevity on the Top 100 as well as height attained on the charts.

There are some real surprises here.

For instance, not one major British or American rock group (such as the Beatles or the Beach Boys) even got in the top 10 singles of the year.

Here are the singles: "Green Berets" and "California Dreamin'" tied for first place; 2) "Sounds of Silence" by Simon and Garfunkel, 3) "Sunny" by Bobby Hebb, 4) "Strangers in the Night" by Frank Sinatra, 5) "You Can't Hurry Love" by the Supremes, 6) "A Groovy Kind of Love"

by the Mindbenders, 7) "I Got You (I Feel Good)" by James Brown, 8) "Little Red Riding Hood" by Sam the Sham, 9) "See You in September" by the Happenings, 10) "Good Lovin'" by the Young Rascals.

In case you are wondering, I consider the Supremes a Rhythm and Blues group and Simon and Garfunkel and the Mamas and Papas folk-rock groups.

Here are winners in other categories, listed in descend-

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MUSIC HALL: Wed. — The Supremes & other singing. KHLZ presents show featuring Barry Beckett, Camille, Freda & Pamela, The Three Caballeros, Davey's group, and a fashion show with The Supremes.

LIVING EYES: Wed. — Peter Trice, Rapunzel, The Power Trio, Jay-Z, and Peter Trice, Deuces Wild.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOWS
ASTRODOME PLAZA: The Players of Houston, The Countess, The Supremes, and other, 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

LIVING EYES: Wed. — Freda & Pamela, The Power Trio, 10 through 12, 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

ing order of rank (first, second, third, etc.):

BEST MALE Vocalists:
Gary Lewis, James Brown, Elvis Presley (guinea Elvis will always be up at the top).
Best Newcomer Male Vocalist:

is: Houston's B. J. Thomas, **Staff Sgt. Barry Sadler, Bobby Hebb.**

BEST FEMALE Vocalists:
Patsy Clark, Dionne Warwick, Nancy Sinatra.

Best Newcomer Female Vocalist: Randy Poney, Norma Tanega, Verdelle Smith.

BEST VOCAL Groups: The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Lovin' Spoonful, Beach Boys, the Supremes.

Best Newcomer Vocal Groups: Simon and Garfunkel, Mamas and Papas, Paul Revere and the Raiders (it's hard to believe these are newcomers, but they've only been big for a year).

BEST ALBUMS of '66:
"Sound of Music," "Whipped Cream" by Herb Alpert, "Going Places" Herb Alpert, "Dr. Zhivago," "South of the Border" Herb Alpert, "Best of Herman," "Best of the Animals," "What a Now My Love" Herb Alpert, "Lonely

Bull" Herb Alpert, "Why Is There Air?" Bill Cosby. (Alpert may rule the world soon.)

The best album selling artists were: Frank Sinatra, the Rolling Stones, Bill Cosby, Barbara Streisand, Alpert, the Ventures, Mamas and Papas, and Baja Marimba Band (lost an Alpert enterprise) (lost Newcomers: Lou Rawls and (brace yourself) Mrs. Miller.

BEST OF Rhythm and Blues: James Brown, Dionne Warwick (who deserves this award too), and the Temptations, who beat out the Supremes. Best R&B single was "When a Man Loves a Woman" by Percy Sledge.

Well, there is a partial list of the winners. I wish I could show you all of the winners, because I know you would like to know where your favorite group ended up in case they don't appear here. There just isn't enough room for them all, though.

Hope everyone — even

'Monkees on Top In Disc Survey

Here are the best selling single records of the week, as reported by Cash Box magazine:

- 1) "I'm a Believer," by the Monkees
- 2) "Winchester Cathedral," by the New Vaudeville Band
- 3) "Mellow Yellow," by Donovan
- 4) "Good Vibrations," by the Beach Boys
- 5) "Snoopy vs. the Red Baron," by the Royal Guardsmen
- 6) "Devil With a Blue Dress On" & "Good Golly Miss Molly," by Mitch Ryder
- 7) "That's Life," by Frank Sinatra
- 8) "Lady Godiva," by Peter and Gordon
- 10) "A Place in the Sun," by Stevie Wonder



HOUSTON'S B. J. THOMAS
Cash Box's Best Male Newcomer Vocalist

"Scratch" James Bond — has a nice Christmas. I got a "Season's Greetings" card from him. As I said on the Larry Kane show the other day, "He's the greatest argument for sleeping until noon since radio began." Enjoy the Sonny and Cher show.

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